

# State of Connecticut

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY



### Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight

### Women's Health Committee

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Co-Chairs: Sen. Gerratana & Amy Gagliardi

### MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, November 09, 2015

*Attendance is on Record with the Council.*

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM by the Chair, Amy Gagliardi. Introductions were made by those in attendance.
- II. Marilou T. Giovannucci, from Advanced Behavioral Health, provided a presentation on the CT K.I.D Program featuring Substance Exposed Infants In-Depth Technical Assistance (SEI-IDTA) (See Attachment).  
[https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med5/2015/1109/20151109ATTACH\\_SEI\\_IDTA%20Goals%20and%20Organizational%20Chart%20JS\\_final%2011.3.2015.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med5/2015/1109/20151109ATTACH_SEI_IDTA%20Goals%20and%20Organizational%20Chart%20JS_final%2011.3.2015.pdf)

Several Questions were asked including:

- If women in certain programs had been considered to be linked with birth control? Marilou responded that one of the proposed recommendations is to raise awareness of Women's options.
- If the Department of Corrections (DOC) is involved in the program? Marilou explained that there are many partners and the DOC joined early on because there are women in their facilities who need help. The DOC is collecting data and looking how to better help women.
- Is technical assistance training provided to providers? Marilou talked about how the recommendations connect to prenatal care and avoiding having women leave.

Dr. Zavoski added clarification that the Medicaid program does recommend services. Marilou talked about the services and programs available.

Discussion followed on services and programs available to Women. It was believed necessary to have future discussion with ACOG on universal screening, Birth outcomes and breast feeding education.

Members offered several suggestions to the KID project including to focus on prevention.

Discussion was had on the difference between verbal and written consent. Universal screening and Hospital guidelines were reviewed. Dr. Zavoski added comments on how different medications would prevent breast feeding.

- III.** Lisa Budris of DPH gave background on the DVD: Crisis in the Crib: Saving Our Nation's Babies. The subcommittee watched the majority of the movie.

Brief discussion was had on the movie.

- IV.** The Connecticut Premature Birth Report Card was distributed by the March of Dimes (See Attachment).

[https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med5/2015/1109/20151109ATTACH\\_PrematureBirthReportCard-CONNECTICUT-2015.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med5/2015/1109/20151109ATTACH_PrematureBirthReportCard-CONNECTICUT-2015.pdf)

There was not enough time remaining in the meeting to receive a formal presentation.

- V.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

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Council Clerk